

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 77. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 31, 1863.

I. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Headquarters, 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 3d Corps, February 11, 1863, pursuant to General Orders, No. 11, dated Headquarters, 3d Division, 3d Corps, February 9, 1863, and of which Major GEORGE ZINN, 84th Pennsylvania Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Captain *Blake Fowler*, 12th New Hampshire Volunteers.

CHARGE I.—“Absence without leave.”

Specification—“In this; that Captain *Blake Fowler*, of the 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, then in command of his company, ‘C,’ 12th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, and while in active service in the field with his regiment, did, on or about the morning of the 17th day of November, 1862, leave his company and regiment, without authority from his Commanding Officer, and fail to accompany his command when it was ordered forward, and did remain absent from his command until he was captured and paroled by the enemy. This at or near Warrenton, Virginia.”

CHARGE II.—“Conduct unbecoming an officer.”

Specification—“In this; that Captain *Blake Fowler*, of the 12th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, did, on or about the morning of the 17th day of November, 1862, when his company and regiment was under orders to march, go to the town of Warrenton, Virginia, without permission from his Commanding Officer, and did remain there after his company and regiment had left that vicinity, and did there allow himself to be captured and paroled by the enemy. This at or near Warrenton, Virginia.”

To all or which charges and specifications the accused, Captain *Blake Fowler*, 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, pleaded “Not Guilty.”

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Captain *Blake Fowler*, 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Captain *Blake Fowler*, 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, "*To be dismissed from the service.*"

II.. Under the 89th Article of War, the sentence in the foregoing case has been suspended by the Major General Commanding the Army of the Potomac, and the proceedings have been forwarded for the action of the President, with the recommendation that the sentence be mitigated to the forfeiture of pay and allowances for the period of his absence, which recommendation is approved.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.